



CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Stephen G. Badum, Director

November 2, 2009

Dear Balboa Island Resident:

Thank you for your participation in the recent process to consider the formation of an assessment district to underground the overhead utilities on Balboa Island. As you are aware, the community effort to form the assessment district failed and the formation of an assessment district will not be moving forward.

In a effort to explore the reasons behind the failure of the formation of this district, some information has been circulating around Balboa Island regarding comparisons between the recently failed assessment district (AD87), AD78 Little Island, and other assessment districts. The attached documents provide some corrections to that information with further explanation and discussion regarding assessment district costs.

Some folks have voiced concerns that the City was hiding information and pointed to the fact that we deleted a slide comparing the Balboa Island and Little Island assessment district costs from our powerpoint presentation. This was not our intent. The slide was removed from the staff presentation at my direction because it contained incorrect information and did not portray an accurate comparison between the two assessment districts. Hopefully, the attached information will provide a better explanation.

The City remains committed to serving the needs of our Balboa Island residents. If you have any questions or need additional information regarding the attached information, please contact me, sbadum@newportbeachca.gov or (949) 644-3311, at your convenience.

Sincerely,

Stephen G. Badum, P.E.
Public Works Director